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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement**

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**OMB Control Number 1014-0019]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Oil and Gas Production Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) proposes to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by either of the following methods listed below:

- Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter BSEE-2018-0014 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.
- Email [kyle.mason@bsee.gov](mailto:kyle.mason@bsee.gov), fax (703) 787-1546, or mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Regulations and Standards Branch; ATTN: Nicole Mason; 45600 Woodland Road,

Sterling, VA 20166. Please reference OMB Control Number 1014-0019 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Nicole Mason by email at [kyle.mason@bsee.gov](mailto:kyle.mason@bsee.gov) or by telephone at (703) 787-1607.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comments addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of BSEE; (2) Will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) Is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) How might BSEE enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) How might BSEE minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any

time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* The regulations at 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart K, concern Oil and Gas Production Requirements (including the associated forms), and are the subject of this collection. This request also covers any related Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs) that BSEE issues to clarify, supplement, or provide additional guidance on some aspects of our regulations.

The information collected under Subpart K is used in our efforts to conserve natural resources, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights, including the Government's royalty interest. Specifically, BSEE uses the information to:

- evaluate requests to burn liquid hydrocarbons and vent and flare gas to ensure that these requests are appropriate;
- determine if a maximum production or efficient rate is required; and,
- review applications for downhole commingling to ensure that action does not result in harm to ultimate recovery.

Form BSEE-0126, Well Potential Test Report, BSEE uses this information for reservoir, reserves, and conservation analyses, including the determination of maximum production rates (MPRs) when necessary for certain oil and gas completions. This requirement implements the conservation provisions of the OCS Lands Act and 30 CFR 250. The information obtained from the well potential test is essential to determine if an MPR is necessary for a well and to establish the appropriate rate. It is not possible to specify an MPR in the absence of information about the production rate capability (potential) of the well.

Form BSEE-0128, Semiannual Well Test Report, BSEE uses this information to evaluate the results of well tests to determine if reservoirs are being depleted in a manner that will lead to the greatest ultimate recovery of hydrocarbons. This information is collected to determine the capability of hydrocarbon wells and to evaluate and verify an operator's approved maximum production rate if assigned. The form was designed to present current well data on a semiannual basis to permit the updating of permissible producing rates, and to provide the basis for estimates of currently remaining recoverable gas reserves.

*Title of Collection:* 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart K, Oil and Gas Production Requirements.

*OMB Control Number:* 1014-0019.

*Form Number:* BSEE-0126 – Well Potential Test Report, and BSEE-0128 – Semiannual Well Test Report.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Potential respondents comprise Federal OCS oil, gas, and sulfur lessees/operators and holders of pipeline rights-of-way.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* Not all of the potential respondents will submit information in any given year, and some may submit multiple times.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 10,819.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 30 minutes to 100 hours, depending on activity.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 46,136.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Most responses are mandatory, while others are required to

obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion, weekly, monthly, semi-annual, annual, and varies by section.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* The Subpart K regulations require four non-hour cost burdens, for a total of \$1,361,176. Three are service fees required to recover the Federal Government's processing costs of certain submissions. The fourth cost is an IC equipment expenditure. The details are as follows:

§ 250.1156 requires a service fee when submitting a request for approval to produce within 500 feet of a unit or lease line.	\$3,892
§ 250.1157 requires a service fee when submitting a request for approval before producing gas-cap gas from each completion in an oil reservoir known to have an associated gas cap, or to continue producing if an oil reservoir is not initially known to have an associated gas cap, but begins to show characteristics of a gas well.	\$4,953
§ 250.1158 requires a service fee for submitting a request for approval to downhole commingle hydrocarbons.	\$5,779
§ 250.1163 requires respondents to purchase and install gas meters to measure the amount of gas flared or vented gas for those that produce more than 2,000 bopd and do not already have a meter or need to replace a meter.	\$77,000

We have not identified any other non-hour cost burden associated with this collection of information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq*).

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